

Vision

Improving Lives through Education

Mission

Providing Access to Opportunity

Priority Areas



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Early Learning



Literacy



Success-Ready
Students & Workforce
Development



Educator
Recruitment &
Retention

Foundations

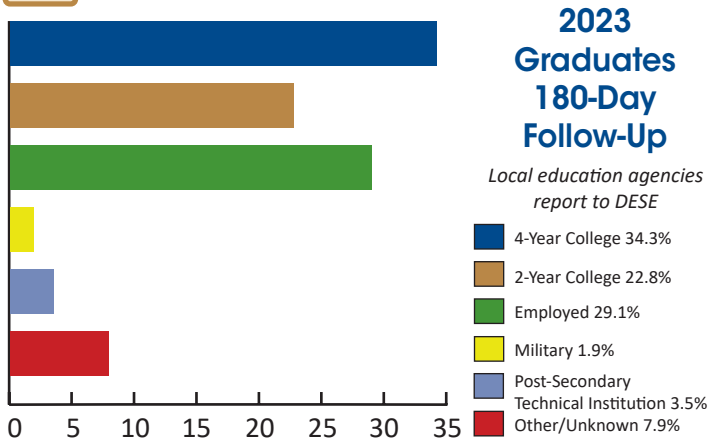
Safe & Healthy
Schools

Needs-Based
Funding & Resources

Family & Community
Engagement



Success-Ready Students & Workforce Development



19.9

average ACT score
(National avg. 19.4; Out of 36 total)

90.8%

4-year graduation rate

Career and Technical Education (CTE)

64.8%

of high school students took at least one CTE course

477

high school students participated in Registered Youth Apprenticeships

13,221

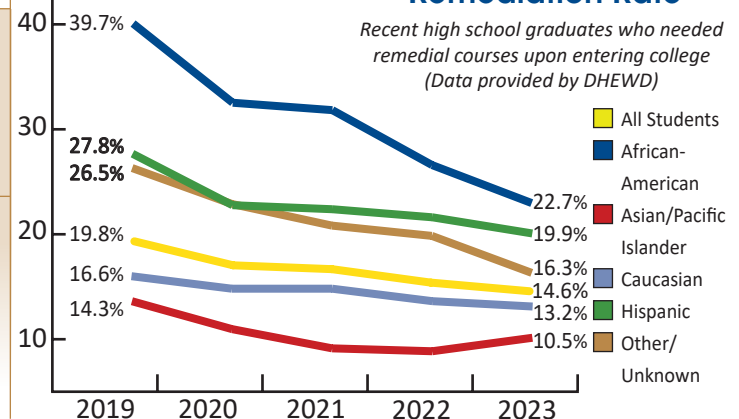
high school students earned an industry-recognized certificate or credential

93.7%

of recent CTE graduates are employed, continuing education, or serving in the military

Remediation Rate

Recent high school graduates who needed remedial courses upon entering college
(Data provided by DHEWD)



Educator Recruitment & Retention

2nd

straight year of increased enrollment in educator preparation programs

4.1%

increase in educator preparation program completers from 2023 (3,275) to 2024 (3,409)

Of LEAs receiving teacher recruitment grant funds

65%

report an increased interest in the teaching profession

50%

report building a larger teaching candidate pool



Early Learning

83,063

developmental screenings
for children birth
to school entry

22%

increase in public preschool
participation for children
3 to 5 years old



Literacy

12,505

K-5 educators are enrolled
in or have completed
LETRS training

90%

of LEAs have/had one
or more teachers
in LETRS training

Who We Serve

859,355

K-12 students

69,644

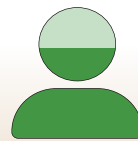
K-12 teachers

555

local districts &
charter schools

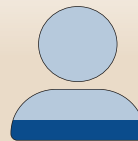
20%

student mobility rate



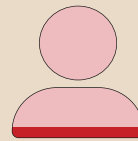
68.0%

White



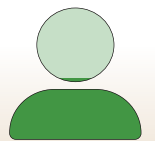
15.2%

Black



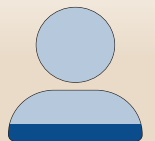
8.4%

Hispanic



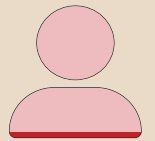
47.7%

Free or Reduced
Lunch



13.7%

Special
Education



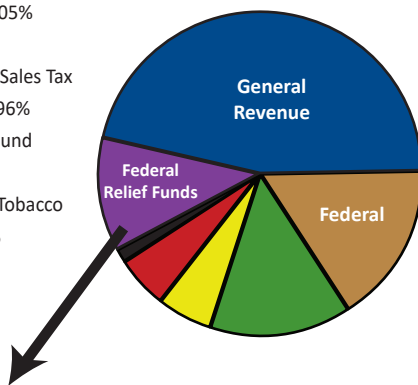
4.5%

English
Learner

DESE Administration & Funding

DESE FY2025 Revenue Sources \$8,735,579,213

- General Revenue 45.71%
- Federal Relief 11.05%
- Federal 16.43%
- Proposition C 1% Sales Tax for Education 14.96%
- Classroom Trust Fund (Gaming) 5.24%
- Lottery, Bingo, & Tobacco Settlement 5.46%
- Other 1.15%



Reflects \$965 million, some of which
will be distributed in future years

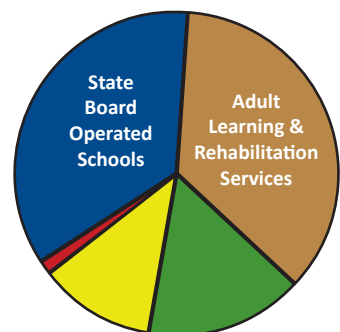
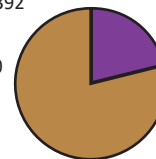
DESE FY2025 Full-Time Employees

FTE Counts by Program

- State Board Operated Schools 653
- Adult Learning & Rehabilitation Services 658
- Learning Services/Financial and Administrative Services 291
- Office of Childhood 219
- Commissions 21 (MoAT, MCDHH, & MCPSC)

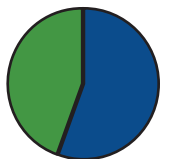
FTE Counts by Location

- Jefferson Building 392
- Regional Offices & State Schools 1,450



FTE Counts by Funding Source

- Federal 1,024
- State 818 (General Revenue)



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